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- 1. MR. SIMON JONATHAN, SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE LESOTHO COUNCIL OF WORKERS, ATTENDED SUBJECT CONFERENCE UNDER A CU GRANT. HE WAS SATISFIED WITH THE PROGRAM AND HAD NO ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINTS.
- 2. EMBOFF SENSED THAT JONATHAN WAS OVERWHELMED BY THE CONVENTION AND ALL THAT IT REPRESENTED COMPARED TO THE SMALL, STRUGGLING LABOR MOVEMENT OF LESOTHO. HOWEVER, HE WAS POSITIVELY IMPRESSED BY IT. HE FELT HE MADE USEFUL CONTACTS AMONG THE AFRICAN LABOR LEADERS IN ATTENDANCE AND ALSO AMONG U.S. LABOR LEADERS. JONATHAN'S TRIP TO THE U.S. ENABLED EMBASSY OFFICIALS TO MEET HIM AND TO ESTABLISH A CONTACT THAT WAS DEFINITELY STRENGTHENED BY HIS POSITIVE REACTIONS TO HIS U.S. VISIT.
- 3. LABOR REPORTING OFFICER IS MAINTAINING CONTACT AND JONATHAN HAS APPROACHED EMBASSY AND USAID REGARDING FUNDING TO SEND PARTICIPANTS TO SEVERAL TRAINING CONFERENCES BEING OFFERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR.HIS U.S. VISIT GAVE HIM NUMEROUS IDEAS REGARDING TRAINING, AND HE HAS ORGANIZED SEVERAL WORKSHOPS IN AN ATTEMPT TO UPGRADE HIS UNION ORGANIZERS AND SHOP STEWARDS. POST LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FEELS THAT DEPARTMENT'S GOALS WERE WELL MET, AS WERE JONATHAN'S AND POST'S.
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